



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Requesting Department: Environmental Services
9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 120
San Diego, CA 92123

Title: **Power Purchase of Renewable Energy (Photovoltaics)**

Submittal Due Date: Friday, January 10, 2004

Project Manager: John Helminski, (858) 492-6002

The City of San Diego is seeking a firm, or a team of firms, to provide cost effective solar photovoltaic electric generating systems at eight City sites. The City intends to enter into power purchase agreement(s) for terms up to twenty years with solar PV developer(s) at these sites. The developers may also be asked to assist the City with identifying implementing solar PV projects at other sites depending upon the success of the initial program.

All proposals submitted must be in full accord with the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP will be available by contacting Denise Rocha at 858-492-6005. Ten (10) copies of the proposals must be received at the location stated below before 5:00 p.m., January 10, 2005:

City of San Diego
Environmental Services Department
John Helminski, Project Officer
9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 120, MS 1101B
San Diego, CA 92123

A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, at 9601 Ridgehaven Court in the auditorium, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Questions from proposers are due to the City of San Diego or submitted in writing by facsimile (fax) 858-492-5068 on December 10, 2005 before 5:00 p.m. Please contact John Helminski, Project Officer if you have questions about the RFP at (858) 492-6002 or jhelminski@sanidiego.gov.

COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

It is the policy of the City of San Diego to encourage equal opportunity in its professional services contracts. Toward this end, proposals from small businesses, disabled owned businesses, women owned businesses, firms owned by African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, Filipinos and Latinos, and local firms are strongly encouraged. Prime Consultants are encouraged to subconsult or joint venture with these firms. The City endeavors to do business with firms

sharing the City's commitment to equal opportunity and will not do business with any firm that discriminates on the basis of race, religion, color, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, or place of birth.

If your firm wishes to claim status as a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) please attach a copy of your certificate. If your firm is not currently certified and is interested in participating as a DBE in the Unified Certification Program (UCP) of California or wishes to obtain DVBE status, the applications, information and directions are available at the following websites:

DBE: www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep
DVBE: www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default.htm

The RFP does not commit the City to award a contract or any work under a contract. The City will not assume any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal pursuant to this RFP. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of the RFP. The City also reserves the right to revise the RFP, including but not limited to the proposal due date. If the City revises the RFP, all RFP holders of record will be notified in writing by the City.

SCOPE OF WORK

The City evaluated twenty four facilities that appear to have potential of accommodating solar PV systems ranging in size from 30 kilowatts to 1 megawatt. From this evaluation, the City selected eight specific sites for inclusion into this RFP. The estimated electric generation potential of these six sites is approximately **1.3 Megawatts**. By making a large-scale investment in solar PV systems, the City hopes to drive down unit costs and expedite installations.

The scope of services provided shall also include, but not be limited to, securing all permits and approvals from governing agencies, all labor, taxes, services, and equipment necessary to produce fully operational solar PV systems at the agreed-to City facilities.

The City envisions the solar PV developer(s) owning and operating the systems after system commissioning. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP should assume developer ownership. The City will consider alternate proposals to developer ownership/power purchase agreements, however funding for turnkey projects is not available and third-party financing is not a current option. Any alternate proposals shall be in addition to (not in substitution for) the proposal(s) assuming developer ownership.

The City of San Diego anticipates installing approximately 5 Megawatts over the next five years. The term of the PV partnership is also anticipated to be five years. The initial term of the proposed agreement will be one year. The contract will also provide four additional - one year contract options. The four - one year contract options will be negotiated on an annual basis based upon the previous year's success of the partnership.